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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND Claim 10 as follows:

10. A direct fuel injection engine comprising a cylinder; a piston reciprocally moving in said cylinder; a fuel injection means for directly injecting fuel into said cylinder; and a fuel pump for delivering said fuel to said fuel injection means, wherein said fuel pump is any one of the pumps described in claim 1.

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended Claim 10 is attached to this Preliminary Amendment).